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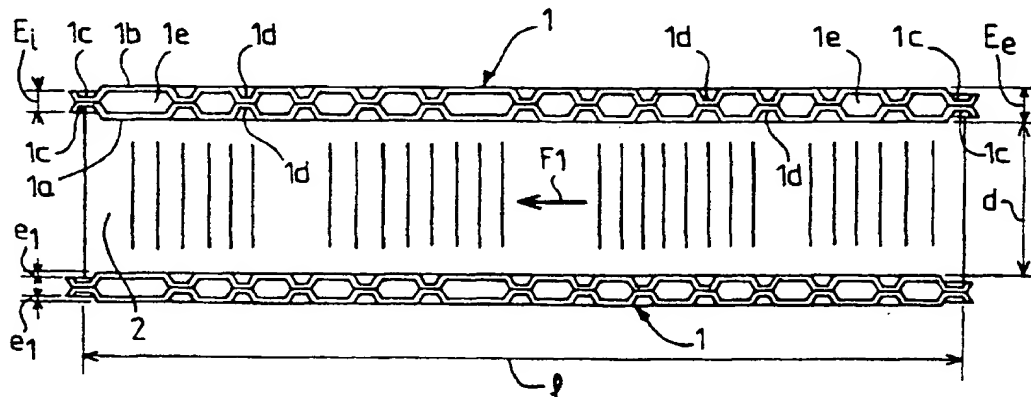
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(54) Titre : EVAPORATEUR A TUBES PLATS EMPILES POSSEDANT DEUX BOITES A FLUIDE OPPOSEES



(57) Abstract: The invention concerns an evaporation unit for a heat exchanger between an air flow and a refrigerating fluid, comprising an array consisting of a single row of flat tubes (1) alternately stacked with corrugated spacers (2) retaining the tubes mutually spaced apart by a distance *d* and whereof the undulations define passages for the air flow in the direction of the tube (1) width, the two ends of each tube (1) respectively communicating with the two fluid boxes (31, 32) located opposite each other relative to the array, so as to define for the refrigerating fluid, in the evaporator, a path for at least two passages. The invention is characterised in that the dimension *l* of the evaporator in said direction ranges between 20 and 55 mm and the distance *d* ranges between 4.0 and 7.6 mm.

(57) Abrégé : Evaporateur pour l'échange de chaleur entre un flux d'air et un fluide réfrigérant, comprenant un faisceau composé d'une rangée unique de tubes plats (1) empilés en alternance avec des intercalaires ondulés (2) maintenant les tubes (1) écartés les uns des autres d'une distance "*d*" et dont les ondulations définissent des passages pour le flux d'air dans la direction de la largeur des tubes (1), les deux extrémités de chaque tube (1) communiquant respectivement avec deux boîtes à fluide (31, 32) situées à l'opposé l'une de l'autre par rapport audit faisceau, de manière à définir pour le fluide réfrigérant, dans l'évaporateur, un trajet en au moins deux passes. Selon l'invention, la dimension "*l*" de l'évaporateur dans ladite direction est comprise entre 20 et 55 mm et la distance "*d*" est comprise entre 4,0 et 7,6 mm.

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